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1. Plans for the HUKO (Hutni Kombinat Kosice) steel complex have been suspended and the construction priority has been withdrawn because of Soviet pressure for immediate instead of long range increase in armament production, since HUKO was a long range project for the construction of iron and steel producing facilities using Soviet iron ore. However, the double track railroad from the Soviet border has already been extended as far as Kosice.
2. Two Soviet technicians who were sent to Most in May 1952 have not yet succeeded in assembling East German built coal excavators which the Soviet Union delivered to the North Bohemian Brown Coal Mines in Most in 1952. The Soviet Union refused a Czech request for East German technicians.

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